

NO URGENCY—AFTER EXPLOSIVE START

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Kingstonian 5:
Wycombe Wanderers 3.

NO team could have a more explosive start than did Wycombe Wanderers in this Isthmian League game — the ball was being scooped out of the back of Kingstonian's net within 30 seconds of the kick-off! — but from then onwards, until it was too late to do anything about it — the urgency drained out of Wycombe's play.

Willingly conceding points to Wycombe in grace and ball artistry, K's cut out the fancy work and made direct no-nonsense tracks for goals.

Attacking briskly on both wings and in the centre — where six foot two inch converted full back Reg Taylor was a tall dark headache to John Fisher, Kingstonian built up a 3-1 interval lead with the minimum of fuss and exposed some frightening gaps in the Wycombe defence.

Although the Wanderers shared the four second half goals during some exciting mudlarks, they could never get within striking distance of K's lead.

ON THE SPOT

Only when Paul Bates moved into the centre in the final stages of the game did Wycombe look as dangerous as did Kingstonian near goal.

Sheldon Bressington scored twice for Wycombe — he was on the spot both times to tap the ball home — but lacked the scope of moves and mobility to escape experienced pivot Ashworth. With Tommy Holmes having his most subdued game since joining the club and with Jack Tomlin substituting for the unfit Steve Hyde, seeing little of the ball, Bates and Worley again provided the most effective wing.

Significantly, the chief K's threat came from inside-right John Martin, a lively, industrious player who slipped John Beck many times on his way to a hat-trick. International inside-left Hugh Lindsay—sympathetically cheered whenever a Wycombe player dared to tackle him—was quietly and efficiently steered away from goal by Dave Thomas.

The feather fought the sword in the first half. Once Bressington had scored easily, after Bates had forced goalkeeper Groves to push the ball out, straight from the kick-off, Wycombe became steadily more casual.

K's were soon on terms. Taylor, tripped on his way to goal, skidded face forward into the penalty area and Gilson netted a questionable spot-kick. Martin

goals in the 8th and 42nd minute gave K's a 3-1 interval lead.

A great volley by Bates — he took the chance in his old vivid manner after Bressington had dummed the defence by stepping over the ball — was the nearest Wycombe came to reducing their deficit.

The Wanderers began much more aggressively in the second half and deserved to fight back to parity. But it was K's who went further ahead — the former Maidstone winger Frank Fondyke sending a violent shot well out of Brown's reach.

Although Bressington scored again in the 70th minute, following Worley's corner kick, K's kept a now scrappy and over-vigorous game under control.

This game was never dull — there were too many goals, skids and escapes for that — and it ended as it had begun with a flourish of scoring. Martin made it 5-2 for K's from close range and then Len Worley headed a Tomlin centre out of the reach of Groves.

MARTIN'S 3 HELP SMASH WYCOMBE

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POLICEMAN Sheldon Brassington gave Wycombe a brief glimpse of victory when he scored the first goal in the opening minute of this aggressive Isthmian League clash at Kingston (writes **COLIN BARR**). The Wanderers had completed an impressive four-man move with Paul Bates's goal-shot being fisted out to the lurking Brassington.

But a heavy, holding pitch proved a disastrous foundation for the certainly more impressive but slower and far less effective Wycombe

Kingstonian gave their former back, 6ft. 2in. Reg Taylor, his first senior try-out at centre forward—a successful venture.

Tireless Taylor, a big, robust and relentless goal challenger, showed all the vital assets

John Fisher, Wycombe's quick-covering centre half, and his agile goalkeeper Ken Brown were the strong points of a defence that was in constant action against a quick-moving, well-formed attack.

It was a demoralising setback for Wycombe when Kingstonian were awarded a penalty, converted by Les Gilson in the fifth minute. Three minutes later, John Martin increased Kingstonian's lead, scoring the first of his three goals. Martin made it 3-1 at half time and right-winger Frank Fondyke increased the lead.

Brassington retaliated for Wycombe, but the elusive Martin broke through again to give Kingstonian a 5-2 lead.

Len Worley headed home Wanderers' third goal two minutes from the end. Credit Worley and right-winger Paul Bates for staging a gallant fight back. These two were the outstanding challengers of an unbalanced attack.